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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM HELMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO CUBAN PERMREP ON PUERTO RICO

REF: A) STATE 188247; B) STATE 188943

1. ON JULY 25, PRESIDENT CARTER ISSUED A PROCLAMATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO (REF A) WHICH CLEARLY
STATES THE ADMINISTRATION'S DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT WITH
THE CONGRESS THEIR WISHES REGARDING THEIR FUTURE
POLITICAL STATUS -- INDEPENDENCE, STATEHOOD, OR
MUTUALLY-AGREED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PRESENT COMMONWEALTH
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STATUS -- SHOULD THEY SO DECIDE IN AN EVENTUAL STATUS
REFERENDUM. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED US EMBASSIES IN COMMITTEE
OF 24 COUNTRIES AND THE LATIN AMERICAN CAPITALS TO
PRESENT THE PROCLAMATION TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AND MAKE A
DEMARCHE IN SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION. THE COMMITTEE OF 24
IS EXPECTED TO RESUME MEETINGS IN THE SECOND WEEK OF
AUGUST, AND MAY TAKE UP THE PUERTO RICO QUESTION AT THE

END OF THAT MONTH. USINT HAVANA HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A DEMARCHE ON THE GOC (REF B), BUT SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO MEET WITH THE CUBANS.

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO MEET WITH THE CUBAN PERMREP, RAUL ROA KOURI, TO PRESENT A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION AND MAKE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REF B. SUCH A MEETING WOULD ALLOW US TO SOUND OUT CUBAN INTENTIONS IN THE UPCOMING C-24 MEETING AND REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS ISSUE IN TERMS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. IT MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL TO OBTAIN ROA'S REACTION TO THE NAM IN BELGRADE AND PLANS FOR THE UNGA. PLEASE ADVISE.

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